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SUBJ: SIS ITEM IN FIRST COMMITTEE

- 1. FRG PERMREP VON WECHMAR APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT MORNING OCTOBER 10 RE WHAT APPEARS TO BE SOVIET MANEUVER INVOLVING SIS ITEM. DEPARTMENT WILLRECALL SIS ORIGINALLY SOVIET INITIATIVE WHICH HAS, TO CONSIDERABLE DISCOMFITURE OF SOVIETS, BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY TAKEN OVER BY NON-ALIGNED AND CONVERTED INTO ORATORIAL SESSION URGING CHARTER REVIEW. SOVIETS HAD SOUGHT TO HAVE SIS COME LAST ON COMMITTEE ONE AGENDA THIS YEAR, (PRESUMARLY IN HOPE IT WOULD GET LOST IN ADJUSTMENT SHUFFLE), BUT IT BECAME INVOLVED WITH SCHEDULING OF KOREAN ITEM AND IS NOW PLACED IMMIEDATELY AFTER FIRST ITEM, OUTER SPACE.
- 2. ACCORDING VON WECHMAR, SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK CAME TO EC-9 GROUP AND HANDED THEM A DRAFT RESOLUTION PREPARED, HE SAID, BY GDR AND MONGOLIA. HE STRESSED THAT EC-9 DRAFT WAS NOT IN FINAL FORM AND SOVIETS WERE SURE GDR AND MONGOLIA WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY THOUGHTS OF NINE OF HOW DRAFT COULD BE IMPROVED. IMPLICIT WAS THE IDEA THAT EC-9 WOULD JOIN AS COSPONSORS OF RESOLUTION. VON WECHMAR SAID SOME OF THE EUROPEANS WERE INTRIGUED WITH IDEA AND WERE FLATTERED THAT MALIK HAD RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF EC-9 BY APPROACHING THEM AS A GROUP.

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3. VON WECHMAR ASKED WHETHER WE HAD BEEN APPROCHED BY SOVIETS AND BENNETT REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. VON WECHMAR THOUGH THIS HAD SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMENTED THAT IN MATTERS OF SECURITY HE THOUGHT EC-9 SHOULD STAY IN CLOSE STEP WITH U.S. BENNETT AGREED AND SUGGESTED MALIK SEEMED TO BE TRYING TO USE THE NINE FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES. VON WECHMAR AGREED WITH THIS AND SAID HE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER VIEWS FROM US. MEANWHILE, HE HAS PROMISED TO GET US A COPY OF THE DRAFT HANDED EC-9 BY MALIK. IT WILL BE SENT BY POUCH. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. BENNETT

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